

# Council Likes Manager’s 2015 Recreation Department Budget

by Diane Oberg

On Wednesday, April 30 the Greenbelt City Council and staff members met to review the Recreation Budget. All councilmembers were present save Silke Pope. The councilmembers seemed essentially in agreement with City Manager Michael McLaughlin’s draft budget for the department, although they did add several items to the wish list should funding become available. In the standardized budget categories used for municipal financial accounting, recreation is combined with parks. However, the focus this night was on recreation as the parks budget was discussed during the previous week’s public works worksession. Proposed expenditures on recreation and parks in the draft budget are \$5,073,700 or 20.1 percent of total expenditures. Excluding parks expenditures, the proposed budget for recreation is \$3,911,800

or 15.5 percent of total general fund expenditures, an increase of 1.1 percent over Fiscal Year 2014 recreation expenditures. The largest subaccount increase is for the Aquatic and Fitness Center, where expenditures are proposed to increase by 2.5 percent or \$25,000. The percent of expenditures covered by fees is budgeted to remain stable at 59 percent. The actual results in the current fiscal year appear a bit lower than projected in the budget, estimated to come in at 56 percent. Other areas budgeted for increased expenditures include the Community Center (1.3 percent), Greenbelt’s Kids (1.1 percent), Therapeutic Recreation (2.2 percent), Arts (3.7 percent) and special events (0.8 percent). The proposed budget decreases expenditures on Recreation Administration (-0.68 percent) and Fitness

and Leisure (-3.8 percent). Recreation center expenditures are essentially flat, with expenditures up just 0.02 percent. Expenditures for several of these budget accounts are totally or partially offset by grants, sales and fees, such as pool passes, class fees or rentals. In addition to the Aquatic and Fitness Center, these accounts are: Community Center, where fees account for 31 percent of expenditures, Greenbelt’s Kids (116 percent), Fitness and Leisure (6 percent) and Arts (59 percent). Councilmembers did not raise any concerns regarding the level of spending in any of these categories other than the discussion regarding staff payments as discussed below. **Objectives** As usual, the budget document

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# Diane “Dynamite” Clark, Boxing Champion, Comes to Greenbelt

by Marat Moore

Greenbelt has more than its share of remarkable people – artists of all stripes, scientists, teachers, first responders, community activists and more. But Diane “Dynamite” Clark is in a league – or a ring – of her own. She knocked out gender barriers 35 years ago to become the first-ever light heavyweight world champion of women’s boxing. As a child, Diane began boxing to survive. Over the years, the tough, often lonely sport taught her well but took its toll. Now 61, she has fought her way back from homelessness, despair and illness to find a mission of sharing her life story to help others and to embrace the unexpected gift of spiritual faith. **Early Life** At 6, Diane suffered sexual abuse from a babysitter’s teen-aged daughters and stopped talking. Two years later, a teacher convinced her mother that Diane, still silent, was mentally deficient and placed her in special education. During recess kids in the regular classroom bullied her and beat her. When she came home bleeding, her stepfather asked, “Why do you always come home fighting?” “I said, ‘I’m not fighting, Dad. I’m getting beat up,’” she said. “He told me, ‘You’re going to watch boxing with me tonight.’” As she watched punches fly on the TV screen, she was mesmerized. “Two men were fight-



Diane “Dynamite” Clark

ing, and they were equal. I didn’t know that could happen.” Her stepfather bought her videotapes of boxing greats like Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. Watching again and again, 8-year-old Diane mimicked their moves. “I got in the stance, my head was bobbing, I was throwing a punch and rolling. Dad said, ‘Put up your hands, punch him!’” She relished seeing the title belt – boxing’s equivalent of a trophy—awarded to world champions. She bounced on her bed holding up a leather belt over her head, pretending. No matter that she had never seen or heard of a woman boxer. Diane kept shadow-boxing her dream. Her mother, worried, enrolled her in ballet lessons, then relented when Diane cried and hid when she was dropped off. Diane knew that her boxing passion was rooted in trauma.

“I was so angry inside. That’s why I trained so hard,” she said. Although her mother and grandmother were devout churchgoers, Diane had never felt protected or safe. “I would ask God, ‘Why are you not keeping me safe? Why is everyone else happy and I am so sad?’” she said. One day at school, she decided to show her stuff. She shadow-boxed and her classmates surrounded her. “The boys couldn’t believe it. ‘Look at her!’ they said. ‘She can box!’ From that day on I gained respect,” Diane said. In seventh grade in the mid-1960s, her teacher asked the class to write essays on what they wanted to be when they grew up. “I wrote that I wanted to be a world champion in women’s boxing.” When the teacher asked her to read the essay, everybody laughed. “The teacher came over and said, ‘I’m sorry, Diane, but there are no women boxers and there will never be a female champion.’” Diane was hurt more by her comments than by the laughter of her peers. At home she told her mother what the teacher had said and began to cry. “Mom said, ‘Don’t you let anyone tell you what you can and cannot do.’ She saw what boxing meant to me, and

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# Utopia Film Festival Screens 10 Years of Interesting Films

by Susan Gervasi

On Saturday, May 17 in celebration of its 10th Anniversary, Greenbelt’s Utopia Film Festival will present 10 Years of Utopia – a day and evening of selections from its decade-long history as Prince George’s County’s first international film festival. The program will run from noon until 11 p.m. at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. It will include documentaries, shorts and animation. Free, 10 Years of Utopia is sponsored by nonprofits Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) and the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), which directs the GATE/GAVA animation program for young people. Screenings begin at noon with a 48-minute documentary about life in contemporary suburbia titled Subdivided: Isolation and Community in America. Following Subdivided, at 1

p.m., GAVA will present an hour of student animations and vintage cartoons. From 2 to 5 p.m., Utopia will screen 10 short films, which include an interview about non-violence with Mahatma Gandhi’s grandson; the story of a pivotal Virginia civil rights protest; an animation about Marie Antoinette; a young man’s investigation of wheelchair accessibility in Europe; a Vietnam vet’s struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder; the biography of a freedom-loving orangutan; a canine drill team; a Russian computer scientist’s struggles to be inventive in the Stalinist Soviet Union; and one man’s creation and absolute rule of his own kingdom in the middle of Nevada. At 6 p.m., a rarely-seen glimpse of isolated North Korea

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# Free Weekend Films Shown At Old Greenbelt Theatre

by Barbara Simon

For two weekends in May, P&G Theatres will present free film screenings at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center before the theater closes for renovation beginning in June. On Saturday, May 17, from noon to 11 p.m., the Utopia Film Festival will present a full program of films. On May 18, 24 and 25, free screenings of classic films will be shown. On Sunday, May 18 at 5 p.m., the film will be Red Dust. This 1932 romantic drama stars Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and Mary Astor and was the second of the six movies Gable and Harlow made together. The screening will include two shorts: previews of coming attractions from the 1930s and The Great Movie Palaces documentary narrated by Gene Kelly. On Satur-

day, May 24, at 7:30 p.m., The Best of Laurel and Hardy, a compilation from their talking films, will be shown. Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy were a classic film comedy duo from 1927 to 1944. This screening will include a classic early cartoon. On Sunday, May 25, at 5 p.m., the 1952 classic musical comedy Singin’ In the Rain will be shown. Starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O’Connor, it is a lighthearted film about Hollywood in the late 1920s when actors were caught up in the transition from silent films to talkies. It contains the famous dance routine in which Gene Kelly sings the title song and dances in the rain. Singin’

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## What Goes On

- Thursday, May 15**  
**7:30 p.m.,** GHI Annual Membership Meeting, Community Center  
**Saturday, May 17**  
**2 to 6 p.m.,** Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
**Monday, May 19**  
**7:30 p.m.,** Budget Worksession with Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)  
**8 p.m.,** Budget Worksession, Final Budget Review, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)  
**Wednesday, May 21**  
**7:30 p.m.,** Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Community Center



# Letters to the Editor

## Clarifying GATE Funding

First, a note to Molly Lester. In my attempt to clear up a common misunderstanding regarding the source of GATE’s funding, I inadvertently and incorrectly attributed the misunderstanding to Ms. Lester, whose letter does make it clear that she acknowledges that GATE’s funding comes from cable franchise fees, not taxpayer funds. I apologize for my mistake.

The term “discretionary” in her letter must be clarified. The discretion is between GATE and municipal access only, per federal statute.

However, there seems to remain among many in the community a misunderstanding concerning the mission of GATE and its unique relationship to the city. Perhaps what is not being understood is that public access – the making of television production and broadcasting available to the general public – is a function of local government (here, the City of Greenbelt). Greenbelt chose to carry out this obligation by chartering a corporation (GATE) and delegating to it the execution of the city’s obligation in this area. Were the city to do this on its own (as do some other municipalities), the financial

outlay would probably be about the same as the amount of funding for GATE. The motivation for establishing an organization separate from municipal government was to allow for as much freedom of expression in broadcasting as possible without undue control by the local government. However, GATE’s independence is not completely unlimited. An annual review worksession between the GATE Board of Directors and the city council, as well as the presence of a council-appointed member of the GATE Board of Directors maintain the city’s influence on GATE’s direction and policies.

Robert Zugby

## THANKS!

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club would like to express appreciation for the generous support of community gardening that has been extended this year. The garden club thanks everyone who has helped make these changes possible:

– Members of the Greenbelt City Council, city staff and the

Forest Preserve Advisory Board who took the time to tour the gardens and listen to our concerns about how shade is impacting the gardens.

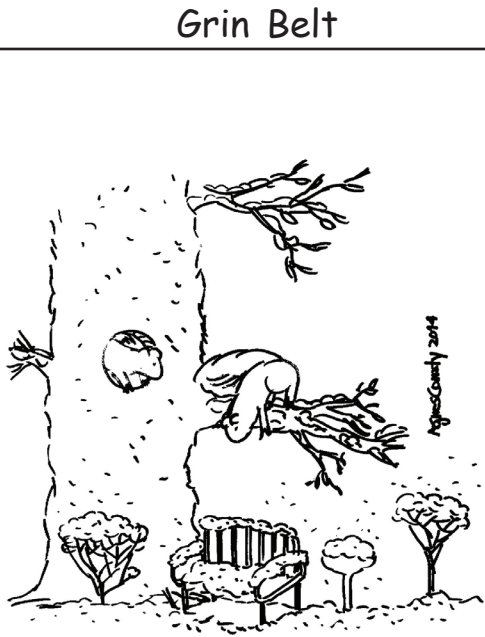
– Kenny Hall, Jim Sterling, Brian Townsend, and all the Public Works crews who worked with us to remove trees and stumps that were making some sections of the garden unusable.

– William Smith and his crew, who quickly removed trash after the spring cleanup.

– The GHI Board, GHI Woodlands Committee and Matt Berres, who worked with us to develop a Memorandum of Understanding that allows for the continued use of the gardens that are on GHI property.

Thank you all for making it more likely that these historic gardens will continue to enrich our community for many years to come.

Martha Tomecek, President  
GCGC Executive Committee



"That's not snow . . . it's pollen."

## GATE Youth Shorts to Screen Saturday

On Saturday, May 17 from 1 to 2 p.m., the GAVA/GATE Animation Program will screen their students’ animated shorts as part of the “10 Years of Utopia,” free film festival at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center.

Greenbelt former students whose works are included in the program are Joel Mason-Gaines, Elean O’Brien and Jessamyn Daniel. Current Greenbelt students whose recent work will be

showcased are Christina Miller, Juan Rincon, Natalia Rincon, Christian Winters and Mary Alyce Yoho. Their works will be accompanied by several classic cartoons. GAVA/GATE Animation teaches animation to young people ages 10 to 18 year-round at GATE Studios in the Community Center.

For more information email Barbara Simon at simongava@yahoo.com.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF MAY 16

**Saturday May 17**  
noon to 11 p.m.  
10 Years of Utopia films from Utopia Film Festival, including animation by students in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program at 1 p.m.  
Free admission  
(Donations accepted for UFF & the animation program)

**Sunday, May 18**  
at 5 p.m.  
Clark Gable & Jean Harlow in Red Dust (1932)  
Program includes classic previews of coming attractions, plus the short subject; The Great Movie Palaces  
Free admission  
(Donations accepted for theatre renovation)

Coming Next:  
**Saturday, May 24**  
at 7:30  
The Best of Laurel & Hardy, Free admission  
Plus a classic cartoon  
(Donations accepted for theatre renovations)

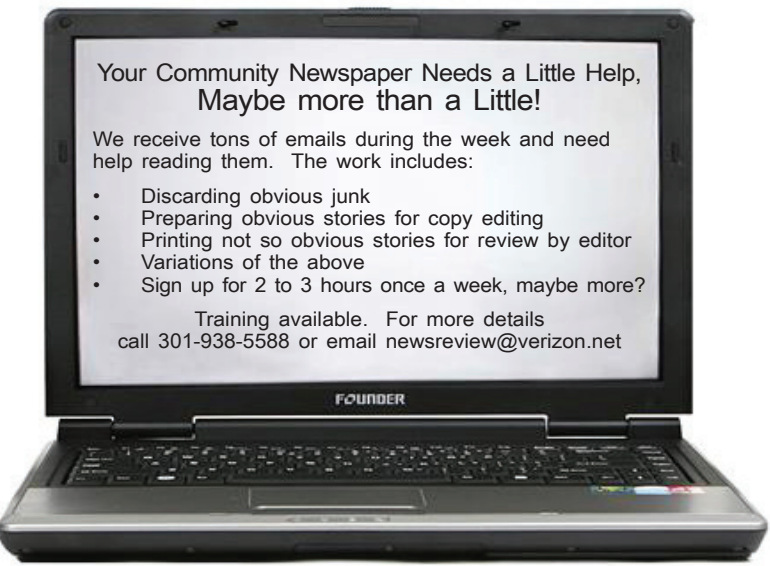
**Sunday, May 25**  
at 5 p.m.:  
Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor in Singin’ in the Rain (1952)  
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## Correction

In the May 8 article on the Public Safety budget, the Fiscal Year 2014 budget total should have read \$10,067,300.

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## GUTTER CLEANING

DCG Cleaning, Aerotech Gutter, & Gilbert Construction will begin spring gutter cleaning and inspections the week of May 19th.

The week of May 19th, work will be in this approximate area:  
**Crescent Courts 1-62; Ridge Courts 1-50; and all of Westway, Southway, Gardenway, Northway, Hillside, and Greenhill.**

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact George Bachman at (301) 474-4161 ext. 132 if you have any questions or comments.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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# Community Events

## At the Library

Saturday, May 17, at 2 p.m. Read to Rover, for ages 6-11. Children build reading confidence by reading aloud to trained therapy dogs who are glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the branch library for details.

Thursday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime, for ages 3 to 5. This weekly, drop-in program includes a mixture of engaging activities and stories interspersed with songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Limited to 20 people. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets.

### Adult Programs

Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. The African History and Culture Lecture series continues with “African Origins of Christianity” presented by C.R. Gibbs.

Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. Book discussion of Ayana Mathis’ The Twelve Tribes of Hattie. Mathis tells the story of the children of the Great Migration through the trials of one unforgettable family. In 1923, 15-year-old Hattie Shepherd flees Georgia and settles in Philadelphia, hoping for a chance for a better life. Instead, she marries a man who will bring her nothing but disappointment and watches helplessly as her firstborn twins succumb to an illness that a few pennies could have prevented.

Hattie gives birth to nine more children, whom she raises with grit and mettle and not an ounce of the tenderness they crave. She vows to prepare them to meet a world that will not love them, a world that will not be kind. The 12 narrative threads of the book tell the story of a mother’s courage and the journey of a nation. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to join the discussion.

For more information visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or go to [www.pgcmcls.info](http://www.pgcmcls.info). For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## Toastmasters to Meet Wednesday, May 21

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will be on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m., in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The Social Hall is at the rear of the church on the lower level of the main building.

Toastmasters offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. Members learn to lose the fear of public speaking, become better listeners and build valuable skills.

## GHI Notes

Thursday May 15, 7:30 p.m. GHI Annual Membership Meeting – Community Center

Friday May 16, 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. GHI Elections – GHI Board Room

Monday, May 19, 7 p.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

Friday, May 23, Office Closed – Emergency Maintenance will be Available.

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day Office Closed – Emergency Maintenance will be Available.

Wednesday May 28, 7 p.m. – Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Wind Energy Signup Weekend Hot Spots

This weekend, as part of a group purchase which closes May 23, two locations will be available where residents can bring their electric bills and sign up for discounted 100 percent wind energy. The provider is Groundswell, a nonprofit with purportedly the lowest negotiated discount prices in the state. Both those who rent and those who own are eligible, provided they pay their own electric bill.

On Saturday, May 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. the Celebration of Spring at Springhill Lake Recreation Center will have volunteers on hand to answer questions and assist with enrollment.

Sunday, May 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Greenbelt Community Church’s Green Team will provide a public information table in the downstairs social hall after the 10:15 a.m. service to answer questions and assist in signing up.

People can also sign up at the Groundswell website, <http://www.groundswell.org/programs/for-homes>. Further information is available from Jane Young by calling 301-507-6765 or emailing [gccjane@aol.com](mailto:gccjane@aol.com); and Lore Rosenthal at 301-345-2234 or [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org).



## Time Bank Sessions To Be Held this Week

On Saturday, May 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tim Cohen-Mitchell will lead a Greenbelt Time Bank orientation session at Club125 at Roosevelt Center. Another orientation in English and Spanish, led by Michael Hartman and Carolina Napp, will be held Tuesday, May 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive.

The Time Bank is a growing group of local residents who are exchanging goods and services, using hours instead of money. Participants earn hours by providing services and spend them by receiving services from other members. The concept allows members to use their time and talents to help neighbors, get their own needs met and build a stronger community.

For more information about future orientations or to RSVP for either orientation program call 301-474-2646 or email [greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com).

## Mowatt Youth To Hold Car Wash

On Saturday, May 17, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., the Youth Group of Mowatt United Methodist Church will be holding a car wash. Mowatt is located at 40 Ridge Road. Enjoy a barbeque sandwich and baked sale while having your car washed.

More Community Events  
can be found  
throughout the paper.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors at the Community Center beginning at noon. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 to reserve space.

Menus for May 19 through 23:

Monday – Apple juice, chicken over biscuit, lima beans, broccoli and carrots, sliced peaches.

Tuesday – Pineapple juice, veal parmesan, garlic rotini, spinach, tutti-frutti pudding.

Wednesday – All sites closed.

Thursday – Orange juice, cream of broccoli soup, French dip sandwich, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Friday – Grape juice, beef chili dog, baked beans, coleslaw, peach crisp.

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FRIDAY - SATURDAY - TUESDAY

Rio 2, G  
11:35, 2:10, 4:45  
Brick Mansions, PG-13  
7:15, 9:45  
The Legends of Oz, in 2D, PG  
11:45, 2, 4:35  
Captain America: Winter Soldier, PG-13  
7, 9:55  
Spiderman 2, in 3D, PG-13  
3:45, 10:15  
Spiderman 2, in 2D, PG-13 (!!)  
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Godzilla, in 3D, PG-13 (!)\*  
12:15, 3:30, 9:45  
Godzilla, in 2D, PG-13 (!)\*  
11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7, 7:40, 10:20  
Neighbors, R (!!)  
11:25, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35  
Million Dollar Arm, PG (!)\*  
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\*NOT a part of the morning and Tuesday  
discount shows.

The Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series  
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Saturday, May 24  
4-5pm

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Obituaries

William T. Lane

Former Greenbelt Police Chief and longtime Greenbelt resident William T. “Bill” Lane, 82, died on May 6, 2014. Born in Atlanta, Ga., Lane at an early age moved with his mother to the Washington, D.C., area. He attended Augusta Military Academy in Virginia. Upon graduation, he served four years with the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp LeJeune and in the Caribbean, attaining the rank of sergeant.



Following military service, Lane joined the Takoma Park, Md., Police Department at age 21. He was a police officer there for 11 years becoming detective bureau commander with the rank of detective sergeant, the third ranking officer in the department.

On July 15, 1964, he became the chief of the Greenbelt Police Department. At that time there were only six other full-time officers on the force. Lane undertook the task of transforming the small-town police department into a well-educated, well-trained, well-equipped professional police agency serving the needs of a rapidly growing, increasingly diversified city. Upon his retirement 20 years later on July 1, 1984, the department had grown to a complement of 30 officers and eight non-uniformed personnel. Encouraging his officers to undertake advanced training, Lane also obtained a professional certificate in law enforcement and criminal justice from the International Academy of Criminology, National Association of Chiefs of Police, a significant professional honor.

Besides dealing with issues resulting from the growth of the city and size of the department, as well as its professionalization and an increase in the area crime rate, Lane and the department had to deal with sensitive issues arising from national events taking place, such as the effect upon nearby communities of rioting occurring in Washington following the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and related demonstrations at the University of Maryland.

In a time of rioting and volatile demonstrations throughout the nation where police actions often resulted in increased violence, the Greenbelt Department was forewarned of three controversial events to occur in the city: the first time a black person would swim at the Greenbelt Municipal Swimming Pool, the northeast contingent of the Poor People’s March on Washington being hosted for lunch by churches in Greenbelt and a mule-train demonstration by Maryland students

to be held at the Beltway Plaza. In each case, Lane arranged for the placement of a strong force of officers nearby in case trouble should occur, but kept police presence at the event minimal so that the police would not unnecessarily become a part of the controversy. All events occurred peacefully without incident.

His retirement took place with a formal Change of Command Ceremony at which his chief’s badge was presented to incoming chief Frank Hutson in the presence of the department’s membership and officials from Greenbelt, other municipalities, the county and state. Among gifts presented to Lane was a plaque bearing all of the badges he had worn during his 31-year career as a police officer.

Prior to the retirement ceremony, Lane was feted at a farewell dinner at the Greenbelt American Legion where he also received numerous presentations and acclamations from area politicians and police officials.

In retirement, Lane and his wife continued to reside in Greenbelt, also enjoying a mountain cabin in Virginia. He also was a U.S. Marshal at the Federal Court House in Greenbelt. Lane was a member of the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, the College Park Moose Lodge and the Marine League of Bowie, of which he once was commander. Lane is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Lois Tipton Lane, his son Edward T. “Eddie” and daughter-in-law Cheryl Ditch.

At the funeral service on May 13, the Greenbelt Police Department provided an honor guard

while Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, former City Manager Jim Giese and representatives of the Marine League lauded his services to the community.

At his request he was buried wearing the ceremonial scarlet dress coat of the Marine League. At the interment service there were both a Greenbelt Police Honor Guard and a U.S Marine Corps Honor Guard, the latter presenting his widow with an American flag. Interment was in the Veterans Cemetery at Crownsville, Md.

Phyllis Jean Douglas

Phyllis Jean Douglas, daughter of Owen and Edna Sabin, died at home in Chambersburg, Pa., on May 5, 2014. She was born in New Mexico on February 28, 1932, and raised in Gallup. Her family moved to Oregon during World War II. Having been raised by two educators, she entered Southern Oregon College of Education and graduated as an elementary school teacher. Soon thereafter she met and married Allen Douglas. Shortly after the birth of their first child they moved to Maryland.

They raised their family in Greenbelt and were active members of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in College Park.

Mrs. Douglas followed her husband to assignments that involved travel to Hawaii and distant parts of the world. Upon returning to the United States they settled in Sykesville, Md., where they were founding members of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Glenwood, Md. After retirement, they moved to Cham-

bersburg, Pa.

Mrs. Douglas’ great love was her great-grandson Larsen but she also enjoyed using Skype with family and watching sports on TV. Before the effects of Alzheimer’s, she enjoyed bridge, reading and golf. She was a devoted volunteer in both church and civic organizations, assuming leadership roles in many of them.

She is survived by her husband Allen, her brother Wayne Sabin, her children, the Rev. Jeff Douglas and his wife Beth of Ahoskie, N.C.; Nancy Klein and

her husband Rudy of Hayden, Idaho; Kathy Douglas and Rodney Laronal of Hilo, Hawaii; James Douglas and his wife Dawn of St. Petersburg, Fla.; her grandchildren, Michael Douglas, Rebekah Pichotta [nee Klein] and her husband Stephen, Bryan Klein and his wife Katelyn, Scott Klein, Christopher and Brittany Douglas; and great-grandchild, Larsen Pichotta.

Her funeral was held May 10 in Shippensburg, Pa. The

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# Obituaries

family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Shippensburg, Pa.

## Lawrence E. Folk

Lawrence (Larry) E. Folk, 77, died May 7, 2014, in the company of family at his home in Lanham. He was known for his warmth and generosity. His humor and sincerity endeared him to his friends and family.

Mr. Folk was born January 17, 1937, in Dayton, Ohio, to Louis and Beatrice Folk. He was the second youngest of six siblings: Dolores, Lois, Constance, Louis Jr., and David. His father taught him at a young age to play golf and table tennis, instilling upon him a love of sports that became a lifelong passion. He was a member of the Kaiser High School Golf Team and graduated from Kaiser in 1955. During the Vietnam War, Larry joined the Army National Guard of Ohio, completing basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in the spring of 1960. He served six years.

He worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, where he received enhanced training in the emerging field of computer programming. His civil service career started in 1962 in the Washington, D.C., area with the US Bureau of Census, Demographic Surveys Division, where he made many life-long friends.

Mr. Folk filled his evenings and weekends with various sporting activities – bowling, card playing, tennis and slow pitch softball – but golf and table tennis, where he excelled, were his passion. In 1965, he won the Men’s Singles Maryland Open in table tennis and was ranked as one of the top 10 amateur table tennis players in the United States. As a member of Woodmore Country Club, Mr. Folk enjoyed playing golf in his free time and later in his retirement with the Dew Sweepers and Senior Men’s groups.

In 1970, Mr. Folk moved to Chelsea Wood Condominiums. He later became a member of Greenbelt Community Church, UCC, where he met his future wife of 38 years. Larry and Martha (Marty) Tompkins were married October 23, 1975. Together, they enjoyed singing in the Greenbelt Combined Choir Christmas and Palm Sunday Concerts for many years as well as regularly in the Greenbelt Community Church Choir. They enjoyed numerous outdoor adventures and travels to national parks. Favorites include climbing Cadillac Mountain in Acadia NP; hiking to Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Grand Canyon; camping in Shenandoah NP; and hiking along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Five years later they moved to Lanham and had their first and only child, Erika, on February 7, 1980. Mr. Folk delighted in being a father and the family continued its many summer adventures to the Pacific Northwest; most memorably including Glacier NP, Canadian Rockies and Alaska. Larry retired from the Census Bureau in 1992, after more than 30 years of civil service.

A memorial service will be

held at the Community Church on Monday, May 19 at 11 a.m.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Greenbelt Community Church; Capital Caring (hospice), 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 180, Largo, MD 20774; or to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation ([www.themmr.org](http://www.themmr.org)).

## Elizabeth C. Maher

Elizabeth C. “Betty” Maher, age 85, of Hillside Road, died Wednesday, May 7, 2014,

Mrs. Maher was predeceased by her husband, James F. Maher, Sr.

She is survived by her son James F. Maher, Jr.; daughters Susan (Donald) Robinson and Linda Maher; her mother-in-law Carrie Shields; and grandchildren Katie, Christine, Matt and Chris.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Monday, May 12 followed by interment at the Greenbelt Cemetery. Arrangements were by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

# Balancing Life’s Demands Session

On Sunday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m., the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Adult Education Committee will offer a free program for all on “How Do You Balance All of the Demands in Your Life?” Executive Leadership and Success Coach Rebecca Pikofsky will lead the program. Light refreshment will be available for purchase. All are invited.

The many unique experiences and opportunities of living in the 21st century are also fraught with personal complexities as people are bombarded with increasingly involved information and communication technology, expanding laws and daunting intergenerational issues. Life is a balancing of work and family, care of parents, children and sometimes spouses, religious and secular life whether one is a member of the Greatest Generation, a Baby Boomer, a Millennial or a Generation X-er. Participants will discuss how to set and achieve goals and how to manage obstacles, as well as setting out what is most important so they not spinning their wheels but going nowhere.



Sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Folk, 77, a longtime member of the Greenbelt Community Church, who died May 7, 2014.

Condolences to the family and friends of Elizabeth “Betty” Maher, who died May 7, 2014. In retirement, she and her late husband Jim were active in travel and other activities of the Golden Age Club.

We were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Phyllis Douglas, 82, of Chambersburg, Pa. She and her husband Allen Douglas were original residents of the Lakewood community and raised their children there.

Our sympathy goes out to the Jezierski and Cornett families for their loss of Monique Rose Jezierski on April 23, 2014.

Sympathy also to the Clinedinst family and News Review staffer Lynn Clinedinst on the death of longtime resident Charlotte Clinedinst on May 10, 2014, in her beloved Shenandoah Valley. She had just celebrated her 99th birthday.

**Congratulations to:**  
– Billy Villiard and Alli Crampton, who welcomed Vance Owen on April 24, 2014. Vance, who weighed in at 7 lb., 2 oz. at Peninsula Regional Hospital in Salisbury is the grandson of Jennifer HysAn of Ridge Road and Marc Villiard of Chesapeake Beach.

– Lester and Beverly Whitmer, who are celebrating 50 years of marriage. They have lived in Greenbelt the whole time. Best wish to them!

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors,” email us at [news-review@verizon.net](mailto:news-review@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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# City Information

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## PUBLIC INPUT ON POLICE JAG GRANT

The Greenbelt City Police Department is requesting a Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$12,012 from the U.S. Department of Justice. The Justice Assistance Grant helps state and local governments to fund a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. Input from the public is invited and encouraged. Please submit via e-mail to Captain James Parker at [jparker@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jparker@greenbeltmd.gov) suggestions on which the funding may be used to combat crime and improve public safety.

Deadline to reply: May 23.

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(9) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss matters relating to the Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 19-23

Monday, May 19 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION w/ Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad**, at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Monday, May 19 at 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION/ FINAL BUDGET REVIEW**, at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, at Community Center.

**This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.**

## A GREEN TIP

Mulch should be applied as a thin layer no more that two inches deep to conserve moisture and minimize weeds. It should not be used to smother the garden. Thick layers become a growing medium for plant roots, with disastrous results as the mulch rots away. Mulch must not be mounded against the trunk of a tree; this common but misguided practice damages vital bark.



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# A Review: Habeas Corpus Appears to Please Both Cast and Audience

by Jim Link

The opening night audience had as much fun cheering for the 11-member cast of Alan Bennett’s Habeas Corpus as the cast had acting it.

Habeas Corpus is a farcical meditation on the inevitability of death and the tragedy of not acting on our desires, regardless of the often rueful consequences. If we don’t seize the day now, we can be doomed to “the long little-ness of life,” a life of Prufrockian emotional tepidity.

So lingering just beneath the characters’ desperate grasping for libidinal joy, just below the slapstick humor – dropped trousers,

mistaken identity, prosthetically enhanced breasts, hilarious hypochondria – there is a palpable sympathy for the tender vulnerability of the characters. As we laugh at them, Bennett makes us ache for them.

The action takes place over two days in the home/office of the lecherous Dr. Arthur Wicksteed, who pays no amorous attention to his wife and too much attention to his patients. The droll, poised Sandy Irving is spot-on as the cynical malpracticing doctor. “Show me a human body and I’ll show you a cess-pit,” says Wicksteed, yet he can’t savor enough corpses before they become corpses.

His hapless wife Muriel (Phyllis Kay) is delighted to be mistaken for the newly pneumatic customer of Mr. Shanks (Larry LaRose) – the American salesman of the happiness-inducing breast-enhancing device. They are excruciatingly funny together – she as a predatory Diana on the hunt, he horrified yet gratified to have a satisfied customer.

The uniformly capable cast includes Dennis Wicksteed (Winard Britt), Arthur and Muriel’s whiny hypochondriac son who revels in the

prospect of his imminent death. This unlikely object of desire is pursued by the self-absorbed nubile Felicity Rumpers (Holly Trout); her appetite for Dennis is whetted by the nearness of his romantically decadent demise.

Felicity’s mama Lady Rompers (Carleigh Jones) is understandably appalled at the prospect of their connubial union. A mere glance, a laser stare from Rompers, had the audience in stitches.

Sir Percy Shorter (Ned Read) is clipped, precise, excellent as the vertically challenged pursuer (eventually) of Lady Rompers. Jennifer Harvey, the constantly hovering housekeeper Mrs. Swab, is a capable guide/chorus for the play.

Ted Culler is superb as the hypocritical Canon Throbbing who clumsily pursues Connie Wicksteed, daughter of Arthur and Muriel. Jenn Robinson is completely convincing as the slenderly endowed spinster Connie, who blossoms joyously into the zaftig recipient of Mr. Shanks’ miraculous device! Ah, American technology! Ah, the nobility of our dreams!

Joel Consolati is quite effective as Mr. Purdue, Arthur’s disturbed patient who repeatedly fails to commit suicide.

When Bennett, who had Beyond the Fringe behind him and Talking Heads and The History Boys ahead, staged Habeas Corpus in London in 1973, he had Alec Guinness and Margaret Courtenay as Arthur and Muriel Wicksteed.

And he got himself up in drag

to play the housekeeper Mrs. Swab.

This production – kudos to Malca Giblin – boasts a bona-fide British director, Pauline Griller-Mitchell. She has whipped the troops into shape or rather has coaxed them skillfully, to execute the dicey physical action beautifully. Exact timing and speed are necessary for the trouser-drop-

ping, face-slapping, chest-groping that evokes so much laughter.


“The cast has worked hard. I’m very proud of them”, she said.

Seize the day and see Habeas Corpus at the Greenbelt Arts Center through May 31. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m. on May 18 and May 25.



Jenn Robinson, Ned Read and Ted Culler. Sir Percy Shorter, president of the British Medical Association, sizes up the situation.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, May 22, 2014


GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Approval of Minutes: April 24, 2014
- Certification of Election
- Board Reorganization and Election of Officers
- Code of Ethics Acknowledgement
- Appointment of Member Complaint Panels
- Designation of GDC Stockholders
- Board Meeting Procedures
- Venue Options for a Board Strategic Planning Retreat
- Summer and Fall Meeting Schedule
- Review 1st Quarter Financial Statements
- Contract for Underground Utility Repairs, 1st Reading
- IT Vendor Service Contract, 2nd Reading
- Contract for Employee Uniforms, 2nd Reading

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### DWI/DUI

May 3, 4:09 p.m., Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive. A 39-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of being stopped for a traffic violation. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.

May 3, 4:55 p.m., 6100 block of Springhill Drive. A 50-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of being stopped for a traffic violation. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.

May 3, 10:41 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive. A 48-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of being stopped at a DUI checkpoint. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.

May 4, 12:21 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive. A 37-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of being stopped at a DUI checkpoint. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.

### Paraphernalia

May 6, 3:19 a.m., 7300 block of Morrison Drive. A 41-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after an officer observed her throwing a purse to the ground, which was found to contain paraphernalia commonly used to store controlled dangerous substances. She was released on citation pending trial.

### Theft

May 5, 11 a.m., 7200 block of Hanover Drive. An unattended wallet was taken from a county shuttle bus.

May 5, 5:30 p.m., 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken from a shopping cart at Marshall's Department Store.

May 6, 4 p.m., 7200 block of Hanover Parkway. An unattended purse was taken from an office suite.

### Burglary

May 5, 1 p.m., 6500 block of Springcrest Drive. A rear glass door was broken out and three televisions and two safes were among the items taken. A witness saw a possible suspect leave the residence in what was described as a Dodge van. The possible suspect is described as a male, 5'6", 120 pounds with dark hair.

May 7, 1:13 p.m., 6800 block Megan Lane. Money was taken from a residence by an unknown person using unknown means to enter the house.

### Trespassing

May 2, 4:05 p.m., 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old and a 32-year-old, both non-residents, were arrested for tres-

passing and disorderly conduct, respectively. Both suspects had been detained by Beltway Plaza security officers for acting in a disorderly fashion. The 26-year-old was found to have been previously banned from the mall. Both subjects were released on citation pending trial.

### Disorderly Conduct

May 5, 5:10 p.m., 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace. Officers responding to a report of a group drinking in public arrested a 32-year-old nonresident for disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order, resisting arrest, trespassing, drinking in public and other charges. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Vandalism

May 7, 1:13 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. The walls of Eleanor Roosevelt High School

were spray-painted with graffiti by an unknown person.

### Automotive Crime

Reported stolen from the 9100 block of Edmonston Road: a purple 1999 Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 4AT1770. A 2000 Dodge Caravan, reported stolen April 15 from Breezewood Drive, was recovered in Laurel. At the 7600 block of Mandan Road, stereo equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle by an unknown person who broke out the passenger side window. At both the 9100 block of Springhill Lane and the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, a tag was removed from a vehicle. The following vandalisms were also reported: at the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, the paint on a vehicle was scratched by an unknown person and on Ridge Road, the side view mirror was broken by an unknown person.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

## GCAN Focus Is On Investing

On Thursday, May 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will hold a special extra May meeting on the subject of sustainable investing in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The presenter will be Len Cohen, a certified financial planner.

Challenging the old equation that one could choose to invest savings either for best return or for the most social benefit, new research suggests investors do not have to make such a choice. Current financial literature concludes investing in environmental, social and governance (community and labor management relations) portfolios known as ESGs are consistent with equal or higher long term investment results than an unrestricted investment portfolio.

The meeting will also include an update from previous GCAN presenters about the Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County governments' divestment from fossil fuel campaigns. There will be a discussion of the recent McCutcheon court decision for those interested in overcoming the Citizen United decision. GCAN will assess fast moving strategies including the Mayday Campaign began May 1 by Harvard constitutional professor Lawrence Lessig.

For details contact Lore Rosenthal at 301-345-2234 or by emailing [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org).

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will be offered in the documentary DPRK: The Land of Whispers, followed at 7 p.m., by A Girl Like Her, a film which examines the trauma of thousands of young women in the 1950s and 1960s pressured to relinquish newborns to closed adoption.

From 8 to 9:15 p.m., Utopia will screen a program of horror and sci-fi shorts, followed by The Ghastly Love of Johnny X, a feature-length sci-fi/horror/spoof about intergalactic juvenile delinquency.

More information is available at <http://www.utopiafilmfestival.org/> or by calling 301-466-9524.

Susan Gervasi is the executive director of the Utopia Film Festival.

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ERHS Softball, Baseball Teams Progress

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by Patrick Gleason

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Lady Raiders’ softball team is heating up for the playoffs; and its baseball team is poised for a postseason run.

As an unseasonably cold spring finally warmed up last week, the Lady Raiders softball team is likewise heating up at just the right time. After battling through close early season games and snowstorms, the defending 4A South Region Champions have begun their title defense after a commanding 12 to 2 victory over C.H. Flowers High School last Monday.

Roosevelt has been led by a formidable pitching trio of junior Joya Grillo, sophomore Nora Snyder and freshman Renee Rogers. Most high school teams rely on one arm – as the Raiders relied on Grillo’s last spring. But with the return of Snyder from injury and Rogers’ arrival, the Raiders have been able to keep their trio well rested throughout the season. The Lady Raiders’ supporting cast includes junior shortstop Alannah Baiyina – also a starting forward on the hardcourt – junior catcher Leila Dawson and switch-hitting senior right fielder Keira Allen.

By successfully navigating their county schedule, Roosevelt secured the region’s number one seed and hosted the archrival Bowie Bulldogs Wednesday, May 14 (after this edition went to press). A victory over the Bulldogs would secure a spot in the regional final, Friday, May 16. In their only regular season meeting, Roosevelt overcame Bowie with a thrilling one-run road victory on April 10. A second consecutive regional crown would earn Roosevelt a spot in the state semi-finals next Tuesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. The 4A South champion faces the 4A North champion at Bachman Park in Glen Burnie.

**Baseball**  
On the baseball diamond, Roosevelt has also been challenged by the expectations of defending a regional title. Fielding a youthful team – with only two returning starters – has had its lumps, including a 12 to 4 setback against Bowie and a surprising loss to the Wise Pumas last week. But the Raiders have also shown flashes of a team capable of a deep playoff run. Roosevelt defeated out-of-county power Severna Park over spring break and avenged their regular season loss to the Pumas with an assertive 11 to 4 victory over Wise in a quarterfinal matchup Monday. The Raiders were sparked by a triple from sophomore Jacob Farmer, who got a surprise start at second base; however, it is usually the bat of older brother Craig Farmer, the Raiders’ left fielder and clean-up hitter, that wearies opposing pitchers.

The Raiders then met Bowie for a rematch in the regional semifinals Wednesday afternoon (after the deadline for this issue). With a victory, the Raiders will face either DuVal or Laurel in the

regional final Friday afternoon. If the Raiders are to retain the 4A South title, they are likely to do so behind the arms of Quinn Valentich, Ryland Heagy and Clark Reese, all Greenbelt Little League alums. Defending the region would put Roosevelt in the state semifinals, Tuesday, May 20 at the University of Maryland

as the Raiders look for their first state championship since the 2007 squad defeated Sherwood High.

*Patrick Gleason is an education major at the University of Maryland interning at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He writes articles for the News Review.*

In the Rain topped the American Film Institute’s 100 Years of Musicals list and in 2007 it was ranked by the AFI as the fifth greatest American motion picture of all time. This screening includes a classic car-



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she finally started supporting me,” Diane recalled.

Training

Her sisters also were in her corner. They called area gyms to see if any trained 15-year-old girls to box – but none did. The sole exception was the most famous gym in New York City, Gleason’s, located two blocks from Madison Square Garden.

“Dad took me to Gleason’s to find a trainer who would take me seriously and he found Lee Blackmon,” she said. Soon Diane was training every day after school.

At Gleason’s she saw celebrities like Miles Davis, who came to exercise and then stepped outside for a smoke. Leon and Michael Spinks came to run track. A few older girls also frequented the gym but Diane noticed that they sat on trainers’ laps and spent little time in training.

Lee Blackmon, however, was all business. He put Diane on the speed bag and the heavy bag and had her “jumping rope, sparring in the ring, doing push-ups and catching the medicine ball when it was dropped on my stomach,” she said. She jogged five miles every other day. Her studies benefited from the discipline and she was the first in her family to graduate from high school.

“I was fast and strong, and because I was short, I always charged – like Rocky,” she said. “After sparring with men, fighting girls was easy.”

Going Pro

Before 1975, women boxers in New York could compete only in exhibition matches. When the state finally passed a professional licensing law that year, Diane said that going pro “was scary.”

“It made everything real,” she said.

Her first pro fight was in Halifax, Nova Scotia because there was no woman in the United States in her weight division. The other divisions – flyweight, featherweight, welterweight, lightweight and light midweight – had enough women.

But for light heavyweight boxing, “I was the first,” she said. Soon there were other contenders, notably Jackie Tonawanda, who touted herself as the “Female Ali” and traveled with an entourage of reporters and photographers. Jackie was supposed to fight another woman for the first world title match in 1979 but her opponent backed out at the last minute.

At Gleason’s, Blackmon pulled Diane aside. “You only have a week to get ready,” he said. “Do you want it?”

“I jumped up and said, ‘yeah!’” she recalled.

A few days later, Tonawanda strolled into Gleason’s, trailing reporters, and started hitting the bag next to Diane. “She wanted to intimidate me and see what I could do,” Diane said. “I stopped. I didn’t want her to see me train.”

Title Match

The women’s world title match in the light heavyweight division in Louisville, Ky., was handled by the biggest promoter in boxing. He picked Tonawanda as the strong favorite and considered Clarke a last-minute replacement. The women’s match was the last of eight scheduled that night. Joe Frazier’s son was in a match and Ali’s trainer and the Spinks brother were there to see the whole show.

Diane’s family had traveled with her to Louisville three days early.

“I met a lot of well-known fighters,” she said. “I was at my table with my people and Jackie was at her table with her people.” But while Diane quietly focused on the challenge ahead, Jackie went on the radio and bragged about how she was going to knock Diane out.

On fight day, Diane was in the dressing room putting on her pinks – pink robe and uniform and a pink reinforced bra and a groin cup. “Lee came in and shadow-boxed and we said a prayer. I got on my knees and asked God to give me strength and keep me safe.”

She walked out and was shocked by the roar of the crowd and big ring.

“My heart was pounding but I felt good,” she said.

The referee told the women to shake hands. Jackie refused. They went to their corners.

“I moved fast. I beat her every round,” Diane recalled. “In one round I beat her with one hand, just with jabs. But the judges called it a split decision. Everyone booed them. The promoter was so sure Jackie would win that a lot of money was riding on her.

“Finally, they declared me World Champion,” she said. But there was a problem – the title belt that was always awarded at the end of a world title match.

“I kept standing in the ring, saying, ‘Lee, where is my belt?’” she said. “Later I realized they had already made out the belt for Jackie.”

Although that put a damper on her victory, Diane was christened with a new name when a reporter wrote that she hit “like dynamite – you could hear her punches pop,” she recalled. After that, she was Diane “Dynamite” Clark.

She was required to defend the world title twice a year and held it for 10 years. And it took years but Diane finally received her cherished title belt.

Unexpected Blow

In 1985, Blackmon asked a favor of Diane – that she sweat down to light middleweight status and go to Baltimore to fight a former world champion in that weight division. It would only be a three-round match, he said.

“That fighter wanted to make a comeback. People from China had come over to see her. They were interested in her and women were boxing there,” Diane recalled.

An hour before the fight, Diane got an unpleasant surprise – a visit by boxing officials after the required urine test of the two fighters. “They said I might be pregnant and had to go to the hospital for a blood test. I told them it was impossible! But they didn’t believe me.”

The blood test ruled out pregnancy and she rushed back to dress. When she went out to the ring, the crowd taunted her.

“The promoter had announced that I might be pregnant and they were yelling, ‘Baby killer! Baby killer!’ My mother was there and heard that and all my cousins and my nieces.”

In her corner, Diane wondered if the two urine samples had been switched and worried that her opponent might be pregnant. “If her urine had suggested pregnancy and she tested positive on a blood test, the match would have been called off and the money lost – and the Chinese visitors would

have been upset.

“But I thought, how can I hit her? What if I hit her in the stomach? Then I would be a baby killer,” she said. “She couldn’t beat me but the crowd beat me. So I didn’t get up. I wouldn’t fight. The judges called it a TKO – a technical knock-out.”

Diane was devastated. She stopped boxing and retired her title. It was 1985 and her glory days were over.

From Despair to Hope

Her anger resurfaced and without the outlet of boxing, she drifted into what she describes as years of darkness: homelessness, depression and drugs. Too ashamed to go home, she slept on benches in Central Park, in abandoned buildings and in a cardboard box. When she developed pneumonia, family members in Maryland urged her to move south, where she was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. She went through drug rehabilitation and then her kidney, pummeled by repeated punches, failed and she went on dialysis. If that weren’t enough, she contracted West Nile virus and went into a two-week coma.

Diane was living in a shelter and volunteering at a local library when the Washington Post heard about her and published a story. Then Ring 10, a national organization that helps boxers who have

fallen on hard times, contacted her and became her sponsor.

Although Diane now is legally blind and insulin-dependent, she is self-sufficient and does daily boxing exercises that curb the fatigue caused by dialysis. After more than 30 years, her legacy as a pioneer woman boxer now is being recognized. Recently she shared her compelling story with students at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

“I told them, you don’t have to fight to be a champion,” she said. She hopes someday to mentor kids in Greenbelt who are interested in boxing and perhaps to teach self-defense using boxing techniques.

She sees glory differently now. For the first time she has joined and titled to a church, the Rivers of Life AME Church led by Pastor Kendra Smith, which meets Sunday mornings at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

“Everything I’ve been through has led me there,” Diane said. “I was molested, beaten up, and mislabeled in school. But God put me in that boxing ring with a talent to fight. He brought me through darkness and evil. My testimony is God’s testimony and I am a witness and a messenger of his mercy, grace and favor.”

Her days as a champion boxer may be over but her glory days surely have returned.

ERHS Dixieland Combo Next Sat.

On Saturday, May 24 from 4 to 5 p.m., the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Dixieland Combo will provide a free outdoor concert at Roosevelt Center as part of the Eileen Peterson concert series.

The student-run group consists of about 10 tenth to twelfth grade ERHS students, who play for events throughout the year that range from birthday parties, block parties and restaurant nights to official school board and school system events.

The music, sometimes called hot jazz, originated in New Orleans at the start of the 20th century and includes well-known jazz standards such as When the Saints Go Marching In. The music, typically played by trumpet, trombone and clarinet, is backed up by a rhythm section of drums, piano, string bass or tuba.

The group, whose concert is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, will play a combination of jazz standards and their own arrangements of well-known tunes.

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